

Home Going Celebration



For
Helen Juanita Young
"Granna"

Sunrise
May 14, 1923

Sunset
May 8, 2009

**Thursday, May 14, 2009
10 AM**

Brookins A.M.E. Church
2201 73rd Avenue
Oakland, CA 94605

Rev. Mark A. Smith, Sr., D.Min., Pastor
Officiating



Obituary

HELEN JUANITA YOUNG

(BKA: Momma, Booty, Granna, Charlie, Boss Hog, Old Paint, Scooter)

Helen Juanita Young was born in Alexandria, Louisiana to the late Walter Randle and Charlotte Elizabeth Dixon Randle.

Helen was raised in Houston's 5th Ward in Texas. She was the youngest of ten children representing the tail end of the family, hence the nickname "**Booty**".

Helen had seven older brothers and two sisters which led to her learning how to take care of herself and others at a very early age, sacrificing her own education in order that her male siblings could pursue their own education. During this time she began developing her culinary skills and sharp wit.

Her education included attending Merritt College where she studied sociology. She was employed at Highland Hospital as an LVN; she was a hair stylist and an employee of the Oakland Public Library System for twenty-five years, before retiring.

She was intensely involved in the political activities within the Oakland community and the nation's civil rights movement. She participated in the Poor People's Campaign in Washington D.C. led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968. She never thought she would witness the realization of his dream until Barack Obama became the 44th President of the United States.

Her life's motto was "faith without work is dead". (James 2:14-26) She understood that an idle mind is the devil's workshop. Work meant doing for others, so you could exercise your faith and become stronger in the Lord. Therefore, Helen (**Booty, Granna, Charlie**) Young worked and put everyone around her to work as well.

Helen was a Charter Member of Brookins A.M.E. Church. She served as a Steward, Choir Member, YPD Director, Artishia Jordan Women's Missionary Society and an active member of Brookins Lay Organization. She served as an officer on the 5th District Lay Organization and as the Third Vice President of the California Conference Lay Organization.

She always said that she didn't like to cook, but she was always in the kitchen cooking.

Throughout the years there were many that Granna loved and adored as though they were her own; children, grands and great-grands. These individuals will forever be in Granna's heart.

She leaves to cherish her life her four children; William Reed, Jr. of Berkeley, CA, Sandra Bailes (Leroy) of San Lorenzo, CA, Carol Young of Berkeley, CA and André C. Young of Maxwell, CA. Six grand children; Leenetta, William, II (Yolanda), Denise, E'Monii, Leroy, II and Brandon. Six great grand children; Cameron, Aaliyah, Jeremy, Iyana, Passion and Braniya. One great-great grandchild Jayden. One Sister-in-law; Pearl Randle. She was preceded in death by her Sister Friends; Serrella Brooks, Virginia Henderson and Rachel Butler. A host of nieces, nephews, wonderful friends and her **Brookins Church Family**.

Order of Service

Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Musical Selection.....	Brookins Choir
Prayer.....	Pulpit
Scripture Reading:	
Old Testament.....	Pulpit
New Testament.....	Pulpit
The Gospel.....	Pulpit
Musical Selection.....	Brookins Choir
Expressions:	
Prescott Family.....	Sister Zerita Sharp
Friend.....	Sisters Carol Sims & Loretta Poole
Missionaries (Retirement of Stole).....	Bernice Middleton Unit #2
Family.....	Sister Faye Combs
Clergy.....	Retired Presiding Elder Ellis Casson
Obituary.....	(Read Silently)
Acknowledgements.....	Sister Martinique Lewis
Resolutions:	California Conference Lay Organization
Fifth Episcopal District, A.M.E. Church Lay Organization.....	Bro. Alfred Parham
Brookins A.M.E. Church.....	Sister Regina Bryels
Remarks.....	(1 minute Please!)
Musical Selection.....	Patrick Sturgis
Eulogy.....	Rev. Mark A. Smith, Sr., Pastor Brookins A.M.E. Church
Glimpse Till Glory.....	McNary-Morgan-Greene & Jackson Mortuary

Recessional

Internment

Mount Eden Cemetery, Hayward, CA

Family



May I Go Now?

May I go now?

Do you say good-bye

To pain filled days, and endless lonely nights?

I've lived my life and done my best

An example I've tried to be.

So can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?

I didn't want to go at first, I fought with all my might.

But something seems to draw me now

To a warm and loving light.

I want to go, I really do. It's difficult to stay.

But I will try as best I can, to live just one more day.

To give you time to care for me and share your love and fears.

I know you're sad and afraid because I see your tears.

I'll not be far, I promise that and hope you'll always know
that my spirit will be close to you wherever you may go.

Thank you so for loving me. You know I love you too.

That's why it's hard to say good-bye

And end this life with you.

So hold me now. Just one more time

And let me hear you say

Because you care so much for me

You'll let me go today.

Family



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Active Pallbearers

Duane Eddings	Lendell Waters
Gregory Miles	Victor Combs
Samuel Sims	Garland Grady

Honorary Pallbearers

William Reed, Jr.	William Reed, II
André C. Young	Brandon Young
Leroy Bailes	Leroy Bailes, II
Henry Hemphill	Walter Henderson
Alfred O. Parham, Sr.	Larry Combs

Our Gratitude

Perhaps you dropped by to say hello, or called us on the phone;
Maybe you visited for a while to keep us from being alone.

You may have sent flowers or a card to show you cared;

Possibly you couldn't come at all, but you remembered us in your prayers.
Whatever kindness was extended, we accept with sincere gratitude and thanks that's everlasting.

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